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My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name;

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a design patent is sought on the invention entitled:

HIGH PERFORMANCE COMPOSITE TUBULAR STRUCTURES

The specification of which

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_____ is attached hereto
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Application Serial No.: 09/881,591 -
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<u>60/211,904</u>	<u>June 16, 2000</u>
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I hereby appoint all attorneys associated with Snell & Wilmer Customer No. 20322 to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith. Address all telephone calls to Scott Smith at telephone number (602) 382-6349.

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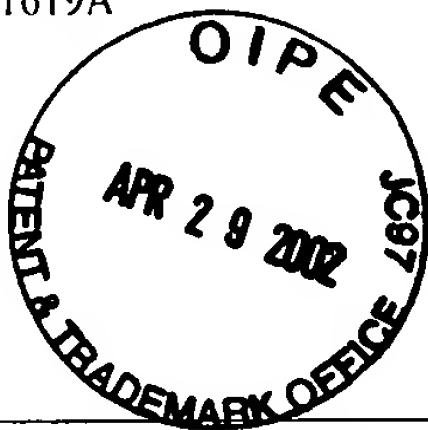
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WHEREAS, the undersigned inventors (hereinafter singly and collectively, "ASSIGNOR") of the addresses indicated below, have invented HIGH PERFORMANCE COMPOSITE TUBULAR STRUCTURES for which application for ~~Design~~ ^{UTILITY #7} Patent of the United States was filed on June 14, 2001 as Application Serial No. 09/881,591,

AND WHEREAS, Vyatek Sports, Inc. (hereinafter "ASSIGNEE"), an Arizona corporation having its principal place of business at 8350 E. Evans Road, Building D, Suite 2, Scottsdale, Arizona 85260, is desirous of acquiring an interest therein;

AND WHEREAS, a "formal application," as referred to herein, shall mean any provisional, non-provisional, (design or utility) continuation, continuation in part, divisional, reissue, reexamination, foreign, PCT or other patent application or like document,

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, ASSIGNOR hereby sells, assigns and transfers unto ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns and legal representatives, the full and exclusive right to the design as described in the above-referenced application, in the United States and all foreign countries, together with the right of priority under the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, Inter-American Convention Relating to Patents, Designs and Industrial Models, and any other international agreements to which the United States adheres, and hereby authorizes and requests the Commissioner of Patents to issue said Design Patent to ASSIGNEE, for the sole use and benefit of ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns and legal representatives,


AND HEREBY AGREES to transfer a like interest upon request of ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns and legal representatives, and without further remuneration, in and to any improvements and applications for patents based thereon, growing out of or relating to the design;

AGREEING, FURTHERMORE, to provide all reasonable assistance and execute any papers, without further remuneration, deemed essential by ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns and legal representatives, to ASSIGNEE's full protection and title in and to the rights hereby granted,

AGREEING, FURTHERMORE, upon request of ASSIGNEE, and without further remuneration, to execute any and all papers desired by ASSIGNEE for the filing and granting of foreign applications and the perfecting of title thereto in ASSIGNEE.

EXECUTED as of the date(s) written below by ASSIGNOR:

First/sole inventor: Howard A. Lindsay

Signature:  Date: 9/14/01

Residence address: 8214 E. Sharon Drive, Scottsdale, Arizona 85260-3548

STATE OF Arizona
COUNTY OF Maricopa

On this 14 day of September, 2001, before me, Judy McCray,
a notary public in and for said county, personally appeared: Howard A. Lindsay.

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to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.

WITNESS my hand and official seal:

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